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MRS. FARRELL IS ACQUITTED; NOW ON WAY HOME

Mrs. Jean Percy Farrell, on trial in superior court charged with the murder of her husband on September 24 at their Garland Prairie ranch home, was acquitted on Tuesday afternoon, the trial lasting a little less than four days and the jury being out only 10 minutes.

It was proven that Mrs. Farrell shot her husband in self-defense. Even had it been otherwise, it is doubtful whether the jury would have declared her guilty, so strong is the general sentiment against death or penitentiary sentences for women. But the jury in this case had no problem.

Farrell's ugly character, his actions at times so inhuman as to lead to fear that he was insane; his brutality toward the plaintiff; his threatening behavior on the day she shot him—all were proven beyond a shadow of a doubt. Her defense was perfect in every detail, so closely and reasonably did every bit of the evidence link together, in none of it a thing that reflected on Mrs. Farrell's character or behavior.

The prosecution and defense were both ably conducted, but the former had nothing but straws to grasp at, and on them could rear no structure of evidence against the plaintiff, who passed out of the courtroom, free in person, unblemished in character, and the recipient of hearty congratulations of those present when the verdict was announced.

The Sun feels a peculiar gratification over the result of this trial, as in the face of the denunciation of Mrs. Farrell by other publications, and defamatory insinuations concerning her character, The Sun, after a special interview with Mrs. Farrell, while she was a prisoner in the county jail, was convinced that her story was true and that she was the unhappy and innocent victim of unfortunate circumstances and took her side in presenting her story to the public.

Contrary to the expectations of many attending the trial, no testimony of a sensational nature or in any way reflecting on the good character or reputation of the defendant was offered. Suspicions that Ernest Wwyer, the neighboring homesteader, who worked for the Farrells and was the first man to come after Farrell was shot, might be shown to have been implicated in the murder—perhaps, with Mrs. Farrell's connivance, was himself the murderer—were proven by the testimony to have been entirely unfounded.

In fact, the first story told by Mrs. Farrell after the murder, told again when she was on the witness stand and corroborated on the stand by her two little children and by Dwyer, stood all tests of cross-examination and was not refuted in a single particular.

As soon as it became generally noised around that the jury had been selected, which, considering the importance of the case and the publicity that had been given it, was done in record time, taking only from nine o'clock Friday morning until eight that night, the court-room filled with spectators, nearly half of whom were women. Undoubtedly many of them expected to be treated to a sensation, perhaps a series of them. From various comments overheard it was apparent that some of the men and many of the women spectators were not very favorably disposed toward the little woman at the bar of justice, who had been charged with and had freely admitted killing her husband.

But before Mrs. Farrell's testimony was half ended the sentiment of the spectators was almost unanimously for her.

Her testimony was clear and direct. Under the questioning of her attorney, Francis D. Crable, she told of her married life. Her husband's ill-treatment of her began as soon as they came west from West Virginia, two weeks after their marriage. He was frequently abusive and ugly. Once, when she had gone into the back yard where he was, he had asked her, "what in hell are you doing here?" and when she had retorted that she supposed she had a right there, he struck her several times with his fists, on either temple, knocking her down. Then he kicked her.

Another time, last spring, at Garland Prairie, he was choking her and knocking her head against the wall when Mr. J. Lynch, an old friend of both Mr. and Mrs. Farrell, who lived there with them for three months, (Continued on Page 8.)

JACK COSTIGAN IS VERY ILL AT HIS HOME HERE

John J. Costigan is very ill at his home, but his friends will be very glad to know that he was slightly better yesterday.

Mr. Costigan had been feeling very badly for a couple of weeks, and was advised to get down off the mountain for a few days. He went to Los Angeles, but had been there only three hours when he had to call a physician. He decided that he would come back home. He was met at Needles by the Catholic priest there. The conductor and porter of the Pullman did all they could for him; one or the other of them fanning him most of the time during the night. Friends met him at the train when he arrived and took him to his home, where he is under the care of his sister, Miss Mary M. Costigan, and a trained nurse.

Everybody in town is pulling for Jack to soon be up and out again, his usual cheery, indomitable self.

CRAVENS SENTENCED AT KINGMAN SATURDAY

Clarence B. Cravens, defaulter who recently gave himself up in Tennessee, was tried last week in the superior court at Kingman and found guilty. He was sentenced from two to five years in the state penitentiary. Cravens absconded from the branch bank of the Arizona Central at Chloride last summer, taking bonds and money with him.

From the statement of the judge it appeared that Cravens had made partial restitution and had given the bank information concerning other bank affairs which saved a number of poor people from loss of money, which feature of the case tended to lighten his sentence.

MASONS AND EASTERN STAR INSTAL OFFICERS AND EAT TURKEY

Masonic Temple, on Saturday night, was the scene of a most elaborate and interesting affair, the joint installation of the new officers of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges, followed by a turkey banquet and speech-making.

There were 135 people present. Retiring Worthy Master Tom L. Rees installed the new Masonic officers most efficiently and impressively, and then Prof. O. H. Richardson presented a beautiful past master's jewel to Mr. Rees, accompanying the presentation with a gracefully-worded little address.

The new Masonic officers are: C. C. Fredericks, worthy master; Francis D. Crable, senior warden; Paul S. Coffin, junior warden; Jos. P. Wilson, treasurer; N. G. Layton, secretary; W. H. Switzer, chaplain; Dr. E. S. Miller, marshal; Arthur A. Foster, senior deacon; R. G. Mitchell, junior deacon; R. G. Stevenson, senior steward; F. W. Jones, junior steward; F. A. Thies, tyler; Tom L. Rees, trustee. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parr were up from Winslow. Mrs. Parr is grand matron of the Eastern Stars for the state, and her installation of the Eastern Star officers was splendidly done. The new officers are: Mrs. Agnes Foster, worthy matron; A. A. Foster, (Continued on Page 12)

TEST UTAH GRAZERS' RIGHTS IN ARIZONA

The preliminary hearing in the test case to decide whether Arizona sheep and cattle men shall have a right to graze in northern Coconino county without paying grazing license fees, has been set for January 31, before Justice of the Peace E. W. Lewis, of Fredonia. The man who is fighting the county authorities is W. W. Seegmiller, of Kanab, Utah, a wealthy sheep owner. He is also a lawyer and a member of the Utah legislature. It is understood he has the backing of a lot of other Utah stock men. No matter how the case goes in the justice's court, it will be appealed to the superior court of this county and then to the supreme court. Seegmiller has already paid this county about \$1,200 on the past year's grazing fees and there is more due from him.

Probably County Attorney F. M. Gold will be the man to go to Fredonia for the hearing, and will be the goat in having to take the four-days' 1,400-mile train and stage trip required at this time of the year in going to the northern town in this county, which, measuring in a direct line, is less than 150 miles away. Assistant Attorney Geo. W. Harben says he (Continued on Page 7)

DICK JONES IS THE CITY CENSUS MAN

Everybody's been asking everybody else when the census is to be taken here, and who is to take it.

Hold your breath a moment, and you'll know.

The taking begins today, and the taker is R. C. "Dick" Jones, who has just returned from Phoenix, where he was appointed to the job by Sam Bradner, Phoenix, census supervisor in charge of the northern part of the state.

Dick will start in today asking you what color you are, and when; whether you are sane or insane, and whether its because you part your hair on the middle or on the side or hot any; whether you are an Episcopalian or a democrat; whether you eat your soup with a sponge or a fork; whether you have anything on your hip other than a place for it; whether you take your Saturday night bath every month or only once a year; and so on, ad infinitum. Dick will set your answers down in his book and when he is all through he will know more about us than any one else, including ourselves, do now.

Dick has a long, tedious, inquisitive job ahead, but says he's going to make tracks doing it, and do it right. He will do the enumerating here in Flagstaff, others having been appointed for other communities in the county.

JUDGE HANCE HERE

Judge Geo. W. Hance, of Camp Verde, was in town this week. He has been administrator of the estate of his brother, the late Capt. John Hance, who died January 6, last year. He filed exemption under the Ashurst-Hayden law exempting mining claims from assessment during the European war, on the mining property owned by Capt. Hance at Grand Canyon.

STOCKMEN'S FIGHT AGAINST THE SANTA FE IS GAINING MOMENTUM

The fight being waged by the Northern Arizona Protective association, composed of stockmen from Coconino, Yavapai and Mohave counties, against the effort of the Santa Fe to secure patent to 1,173,000 acres of public domain lands is gaining force each day. The membership is steadily increasing and the work has been organized.

The association has been extremely fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Robert E. Morrison, prominent Prescott lawyer, as well as the best land attorney in Washington, D. C. The method of handling this contest, in the interests of the livestock industry in Northern Arizona, has been definitely outlined and definite action has already been taken.

One development of this proposed "land grab" indicates the foresight of the insiders. It is recognized that

the Colorado river will soon be harnessed and then cheap hydro-electric power will be available in northern Arizona. This power will make possible the pumping of sufficient water to irrigate all of the agricultural land in that wonderful stretch of valley between Hackberry and Kingman. Arizonans have amply demonstrated what water will do. With all of these lands in private ownership, the legitimate homesteader will be forced to pay heavy tribute to the monopolists who hope to control the area in question.

The time has come for the people of Arizona to wake up to a realization of just what is being attempted. They can prevent the acquisition of these lands—over one million acres—and thereby aid the future development of the state by homesteaders and insure the continuance of the livestock (Continued on Page 7)

WHAT WE HAVE IN COUNTY AND STATE

A copy of the proceedings of the Arizona state board of equalization has reached The Sun through the courtesy of County Assessor J. D. Dunn. It was compiled after their meeting in August and the annual meeting in July of the Arizona tax conference.

From the report we note that the assessment of the Grand Canyon railroad was reduced from 63.58 miles to 63.56 miles, a reduction in valuation of \$340.

Swine were raised from \$5.52 to \$10 a head. The A. L. & T. Co. saw mill was raised from \$90,000.00 to \$109,000.00, making the total assessment for that company, \$492,973.00.

Description of Property.	Number or Acres.	Unit Value.	Total Valuation.
Dry-farming and grazing land.	826,735.73	1.42	\$ 1,175,738.70
Improvements on above			263,147.00
Railroad land grants	5,723	1.026	5,875.52
City and town lots			553,911.00
Improvements on above			1,240,321.00
Forty-three non-productive patented and non-patented mines	864,137	36.78	31,786.00
Four non-productive placer mines	640	10.00	6,400.00
Improvements on above forty-seven mining claims			9,750.00
Four patented mill sites	18,067	40.15	725.50
Improvements on above			4,000.00
Mining machinery and supplies			23,713.50
Saw mills and machinery	9		*342,750.00
Standing timber	106,150.105 ft.	2.489	264,025.26
Banks (Including real estate, improvements and personal prop.)	3		364,102.64
Merchandise, stocks of			*895,966.29
Furniture, household and office			164,445.00
Automobiles	484	413.81	200,284.50
Motorcycles	3	150.00	450.00
Railroads, standard gauge, miles of main line	243.335		*8,936,945.00
Telephone lines, wire miles of	990		59,400.00
Telegraph lines, wire miles of	1,589.52		113,162.55
Gas, electric light and power plants	1		83,748.00
Poultry, dozens	353	5.00	1,766.00
Bees, stands of	2	5.00	10.00
Horses, range	1,837	20.55	37,760.00
Horses, work—Class A	385	93.90	36,150.00
Horses, work—Class B	883	54.56	48,175.00
Horses, saddle	1,997	41.34	82,550.00
Horses, stallions	15	153.33	2,300.00
Mules—Class A and B	361	65.76	23,740.00
Asses	905	5.58	5,050.00
Jacks	4	150.00	600.00
Cattle, range	81,455	30.27	2,465,885.00
Cattle, steers, 2 years and up	11,508	34.89	401,495.00
Cattle, milk cows	514	52.62	27,050.00
Cattle, bulls	2,536	50.34	127,680.00
Sheep	265,382	8.00	2,123,056.00
Sheep, bucks	5,778	15.00	86,670.00
Goats, graded	5,300	3.75	19,877.00
Swine	408	5.52	*2,253.00
All other property			845,909.09
Total			\$21,018,623.55
Less real estate, improvements and personal property of Banks doubly included above			117,658.00
Total valuation of all property			\$20,900,965.55
Total exemptions			86,998.00
Net valuation			\$20,813,967.55
*Increases and decreases by the State Board of Equalization:			
Increases:			
Decreases:			
Description of Property.	Value.	Value.	
Saw mills	\$66,000.00		
Swine, 408 head at \$10.00 per head.	4,080.00		
Railroads	1,827.00		\$340.00
Merchandise, stocks of	8,285.63		
Total increases and decreases	\$76,112.63		\$340.00
Final Valuation on Items Changed:			
Description of Property.	Total Valuation.		
Saw mills	\$ 408,750.00		
Swine, 408 head at \$10.00	4,080.00		
Railroads	8,936,605.00		
Merchandise, stocks of	844,251.92		
Final Recapitulation:			
Total valuation of all property as returned by County	\$20,900,965.55		
Total increase or decrease by State Board of Equalization	75,772.63		
Final total valuation of all property	\$20,976,738.18		
Less exemptions	86,998.00		
Final net valuation of all property	\$20,889,740.18		

The final net valuations of the other counties of the state are as follows:

Apache	\$ 8,623,981.40
Cochise	172,142,473.34
Gila	162,293,178.76
Graham	13,433,105.10
Greenlee	43,946,537.94
Maricopa	100,650,667.31
Mohave	23,203,707.40
Navajo	11,145,143.88
Pima	64,545,832.66
Pinal	69,071,742.54
Santa Cruz	11,315,403.48
Yavapai	134,082,679.77
Yuma	19,880,527.17
Total for state	\$855,224,720.93

Coconino county's quota of the above total is 2.44 per cent.

The report reveals the fact that 84 per cent of the saw mill property is in

the saw mill of the Saginaw & Manstee Lumber Co. was raised from \$110,960.00 to \$132,960, making that company's total assessment \$412,125.00.

The saw mill of the Flagstaff Lumber Co. was raised from \$86,300.00 to \$102,300.00, making their total assessment \$187,153.00.

The saw mill of the Greenlaw Lumber Co. was raised from \$45,000.00 to \$54,000.00, making their total assessment \$165,133.00.

The assessment of the Standard Oil Co. was raised from \$15,970.00 to \$24,255.63.

The final valuation of the county for the year 1919, is shown in the following table:

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